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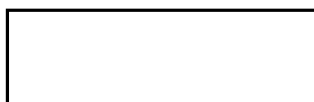
MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

**SUBJECT : Secretary Irwin's Disclosure in Fulbright Committee
Hearings that B-52's Bombing in North Laos**

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[redacted] advised me this afternoon that DOD and others were flapping a bit. Secretary Irwin apparently told the Fulbright Committee that it was current policy to employ B-52 strikes in north Laos. This apparently is the first time this has been acknowledged and grew out of a discussion of past B-52 strikes. According to Pratt, Secretary Irwin had been advised not to admit to current B-52 bombings. He apparently decided to make the admission on his own.

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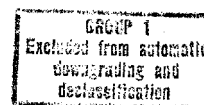
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25X1 5. [] (MM) Met with Senator James Pearson (R., Kans.) in response to his request some weeks ago at the Foreign Relations Committee hearing for some clarification on the organization and responsibilities of CIA. I left with Pearson some classified charts of the organization of the community and the Agency, and appropriate quotes from legislation establishing the Agency.

Pearson said he was deeply concerned over the confrontation that was building up between the Committee and the State Department, referring to the Committee's demand for Arch Blood's dispatches from Dacca as the latest example. Pearson personally feels that the Committee has gone too far in its demands and we are on the verge of a campaign of "McCarthyism in reverse" in which CIA may be caught in the middle.

I briefly explained to Pearson our problem with Radio Free Europe and Radio Liberty and he said he would be glad to hear more when he has time.

25X1 6. [] (JMM) Met with Don Henderson, Senate Foreign Relations Committee staff, who said he was planning a trip to Poland shortly and would like an Agency briefing toward the end of this week.

Henderson commented on the confrontation between the Committee and the State Department, remarking that this morning the Chairman had remarked to Acting Secretary of State Irwin that if the Department were no more forthcoming the Chairman might insist on an annual authorization to fund the Department in the future. According to Henderson, Irwin was visibly shaken by this suggestion.

25X1 7. [] (JMM) Called Bill Woodruff, Counsel, Senate Appropriations Committee, who said he would be unable to meet with Colonel White and Mr. Tweedy to discuss the community budget until later in the week. He suggested I call him Wednesday or Thursday.

25X1 8. [] - GLC) Dorothy Fosdick, Staff Director, Senate Subcommittee on National Security and International Operations, called and asked if there was anything useful they could say about the Soviet satellite activity. She explained they were not pressing on this but would be willing to make some kind of a statement if we thought it would be useful. After checking with Mr. Carl Duckett, I told Miss Fosdick the George Wilson article in the 30 April Washington Post had revealed just about everything that was known on the subject and we would certainly not recommend that anything be done at this time. She did not appear to be familiar with the Wilson article and said she would read it.

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25X1 1. [] JMM) During a weekend in Charlottesville, I discussed with Senator Hugh Scott, who is a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, our problem regarding Radio Free Europe and Radio Liberty. Senator Scott said that Assistant Secretary of State for Congressional Relations David Abshire had mentioned this to him and he anticipated no problem in the Foreign Relations Committee with the legislation we had in mind.

I also mentioned to Senator Scott, who is also a member of the Senate Judiciary Committee, that I would like to see him sometime at his convenience to explain to him our concern about the Ervin bill to protect the privacy of Federal employees. He said he was travelling to the Far East shortly and might not have an opportunity to discuss this until his return late in May.

25X1 2. [] - JMM) At a social gathering over the weekend, I mentioned to Senator John Tunney, of the Senate Judiciary Committee, our concern over the Ervin bill which he said he would be glad to discuss in detail at a later date.

25X1 3. [] - JMM) Talked to Harry Symmes, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Congressional Relations, and brought him up-to-date on my conversations last Thursday and Friday with Senator George McGovern and Miss Flora Lewis, the columnist, regarding Senator McGovern's inquiry about possible Agency involvement in Southeast Asian drug traffic. See Journals of 29 and 30 April 1971.

25X1 4. [] JMM) Met with Pat Holt, Senate Foreign Relations Committee staff, who said that they had set aside the entire morning for the Director's testimony on Brazil before the Church Subcommittee on 5 May, but probably would not use all of this time. He did not expect any questions beyond those he had already provided us, and doubted that there would be more than about ten members present.

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